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Mr Tony O'Shea  
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Dear Tony

Thank you for telling me about the conference you are planning in October this year.

As you would know, your state federations, CFWA, CFSA and CFNSW, are also planning to hold conferences in 2013 and 2014. I wonder therefore if the state federations should be exploring the opportunities to run joint conferences, unless what you are planning is more of an internal CFV review. This is particularly in light of the limited resources in the sector. It would be helpful to receive more details on your planned agenda.

Regarding the development of a national business council representing all forms of member and customer-owned businesses that I foreshadowed at the National Conference last year, this has progressed to the point that we expect to send out materials to all interested organisations by early June.

Tony, the rationale for forming a business council remains the same as I outlined last year - to provide a forum for promoting the role of co-operatively and mutually owned businesses in the national economy. It is not intended to replace state co-operative federations. I hope this helps in your board discussions.

Best regards



Greg Wall  
Chairman SBA and IYC 2012 Secretariat

